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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 259
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A RESOLUTION to designate September 11 as "Emergency
Responders' Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and on the Pentagon in the Washington, D.C. area bring into sharp focus the degree to which firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians, emergency room physicians and nurses, and law enforcement officers place their lives on the line to protect their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee are now keenly aware of the courage and commitment of this State's over 30,000 firefighters in 670 full-time and volunteer departments, the 11,200 or more paramedics and emergency medical technicians, the 3,500 first responders, the almost 12,000 law enforcement officers, and the hundreds of emergency room physicians and nurses who are the first called to save lives and treat the injured during catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, the firefighters' courage and dedication is celebrated each year during National Fire Prevention Week, and it is fitting and proper that those other courageous

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emergency personnel who have dedicated their lives to the safety of others and those who have given their lives in this noble cause, be recognized and remembered for the accomplishment of their high purposes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate September 11 as "Emergency Responders' Day" in Tennessee, in honor of the brave and valiant service rendered by the many paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, law enforcement officers, emergency room physicians, and emergency room nurses throughout this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.